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SENATOR D. PEDERSON: ...in doing this but I think that this is a state treasure and I think that the people of the state ought to have the opportunity to do this. I guess my concern is once you create a program that this is what we're going to do, that if it doesn't happen that way, it will be general funds of the state that will do it. That's my concern.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. This, this language is permissive. That's what the amendment, the committee amendment does. Now it does still leave in there the 70 percent accomplished by the time that the capitol restoration project ends, so that would be those fountains. I mean that would be a significant part of the cost that we're talking about. But I truly believe that money can be raised and all of that can be done privately. Somebody needs to take hold of this project and get going on it, and that's why we put it in the Capitol Commission. There...there might be other...other ways of doing it, but this was the best that we could come up with.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Pederson and Senator Schimek. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Madam Speaker and members, a little more questioning along the line of what we were talking about.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Schimek, will you yield once more.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you. Where do you see this leading in terms of cost? Are you going to have an...do you need an A bill on this to get started...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...doing what you want to do?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I don't believe so. This first year or two, I think, will be when this Capitol Commission would meet and come up with the plans and begin exploring possibly some fund-raising.